

Proposed Amendments to the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A bottle-shaped container made of synthetic resin comprising:

_____ a neck, a body and a bottom, said bottom including a grounding portion, said bottom being formed at a center thereof with a central bulged section protruding inwardly, said container showing a polygonal transversal cross section, characterized in that wherein

_____ a peripheral bottom wall is formed between an outer periphery of the central bulged section and the grounding portion, said peripheral bottom wall forming a step located below the central bulged section and above the grounding portion, and

_____ said grounding portion is provided with a recess in a portion formed with an orientation magnification which is smaller than an orientation magnification with which a portion on a diagonal line is formed, and the recess has a depth equal to 0.5 mm to 25.0 mm.

2. (Original) The container according to claim 1, wherein said recess has a length in a peripheral direction of the container equal to 20% to 80% of a length of the grounding portion.

3. (Original) The container according to claim 2, wherein the container shows a substantially rectangular transversal cross section, and the recess is formed at a portion which nucleus is a center line passing a center of each longer sides.

4. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 2, wherein the container shows a substantially rectangular transversal cross section, and the recess is formed at a portion which nucleus is a center line passing a center of each shorter sides.

5. (Original) The container according to claim 2, wherein the container shows a substantially square transversal cross section, and the recess is formed at a portion which nucleus is a center line passing a center of each of opposed sides.

6. (Previously Presented) The container according to claim 3, wherein the container shows a substantially rectangular transversal cross section, and the recess is formed at a portion which nucleus is a center line passing a center of each shorter sides.

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Please find attached Proposed Amendments to the Claims, Specification, and Drawings for the above-referenced application in preparation for our January 26 personal interview.

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